

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-26 and add the following new claims 27-48:

27. (New) A method of forming a mold insert for molding an article, comprising:
providing a flocked transfer sheet, a thermosetting adhesive film, and a thermoplastic backing film;

5 laminating the flocked transfer sheet, the thermosettable adhesive film, and the backing film together to form a mold insert; and

forming the mold insert into a three dimensional shape matching at least a portion of a mold for forming a molded article comprising the mold insert, wherein the thermosettable adhesive film is thermoset before the forming step.

28. (New) The method of Claim 27, wherein the thermosettable adhesive film is not thermoset during the laminating step and further comprising:
heating the mold insert to thermoset the thermosettable adhesive film.

29. (New) The method of Claim 28, further comprising:
locating the mold insert in the mold; and
introducing resin into the mold, such that a resin contacts the mold insert to form a molded article.

30. (New) The method of Claim 27, wherein a release sheet is affixed to a first surface defined by the flock fibers and the thermosettable adhesive layer to an opposing second surface defined by the flock fibers.

31. (New) The method of Claim 30, wherein during the laminating step the thermosettable adhesive film is fully activated.

32. (New) The method of Claim 27, wherein the laminating step comprises: contacting the adhesive film with the backing film to form an intermediate assembly; and laminating the intermediate assembly to the flocked transfer sheet.

33. (New) The method of Claim 27, wherein a continuous length of the flocked transfer sheet comprises a plurality of discrete flocked regions.

34. (New) The method of Claim 27, wherein the thermosettable adhesive layer and backing films are each a cast and/or extruded, continuous film.

35. (New) The method of Claim 27, wherein the thermosettable adhesive layer is not a fabric and wherein the thermosettable adhesive is distributed discontinuously over the adjoining surface of the flocked transfer sheet.

36. (New) The method of Claim 27, wherein, after the laminating step, a plurality of mold inserts are located on a continuous length of backing film and further comprising: cutting the backing film to provide a plurality of disconnected mold inserts.

37. (New) The method of Claim 36, wherein, after the cutting step, the mold insert comprises a flocked area surrounded at least substantially by an unflocked area of the backing film.

38. (New) The method of Claim 27, wherein the flocked transfer sheet comprises poly(cyclohexylene-dimethylene terephthalate) or PCT

39. (New) The method of Claim 38, wherein the flocked transfer sheet comprises a plurality of flock fibers and the plurality of flock fibers comprise at least about 25 wt.% PCT

40. (New) The method of Claim 27, wherein the flocked transfer sheet comprises a plurality of flock fibers and the lengths of at least most of the flock fibers ranges from about 0.3 to about 4 mm.

41. (New) The method of Claim 40, wherein at least most of the flock fibers have a titre ranging from about 0.5 to about 20 Dtex.

42. (New) The method of Claim 40, wherein a substrate of the flocked transfer sheet comprises at least about 60% fibers/in².

43. (New) The method of Claim 40, wherein at least most of the flock fibers has a denier of no more than about 2.

44. (New) The method of Claim 40, wherein an antimicrobial agent is located in at least most of the flock fibers.

45. (New) The method of Claim 40, wherein an antimicrobial agent is located on the exterior surfaces of at least most of the flock fibers.

46. (New) The method of Claim 27, wherein the backing film is nonwoven.

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47. (New) The method of Claim 27, wherein during the laminating step the thermosettable adhesive is thermoset.

48. (New) A mold insert produced by the steps of Claim 27.